**HAPPY PITSLE**  
? - 2005  
By Sarah Enders

Happy Pitsle (Formerly Troung Phat Nugget) was a skink who lived in Tom Dailey's classroom in the Room Nine Community School. Mr. Dailey found him in the hallway of the Shoreline School District headquarters. They had found him and said that he could not be kept there. Mr. Dailey kindly took the skink, and brought him to his new home at the Journey Program.

After about fourteen months of love and care from Mr. Dailey and his students, this skink's time was finally up. Patrick Mills found him on November 17th, and assumed that he was dead. "It wasn't moving, so I picked it up and shook it for a minute."

Once the class realized that Patrick's theory could be true, they began to discuss the possibilities. About six weeks ago, two Ciallobius Severus spiders were brought in by Eric Mulhern, who only wanted to have the spiders identified. Tom thought it would be an interesting experiment to put the spiders in with the skink, and so he did. All went smoothly for a while, but a month later the skink passed away.

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Many theories were discussed among the students. Journey student Robin Davies thought that the skink died of old age. "Tom didn't know how old the skink was when he got it, so it could be any age." Another theory was boldly exclaimed by Eddie Young, another Journey student. "I think the spider bit him in the neck because it got mad" Tom thought the skink died of old age, or disease. But as student Mara Harris put it, "Nobody knows for sure." Perhaps further research will be examined, but for now, may Happy Pitsel the skink Rest In Peace.

**Library Opens!**  
Books galore!  
But cards mysteriously vanish  
By Patrick Mills

The Room Nine Community School library finally opened its doors to our student body on November 15th, 2005. The library opening was a long anticipated event this year, and many students are overjoyed that they will no longer be limited to the meager supply of books that each Room Nine classroom possesses.

Over the course of a month, students have been working to return the library to its normal state after a long period of nonuse. Now that the library is finished and ready to go, a select few Journey students are teaching kids how to check out and check in. Recently Melissa's class went to the library and was instructed by Billy Cox. This is what she said afterward, "Billy did a great job! Everyone checked out a book! The library looks really good! It was very rewarding for all my kids."

"But," says an anonymous source, "For some reason, all the teacher checkout cards mysteriously vanished after the first checkout and we haven't been able to find them." If you have any information on the theft, contact Patrick Mills in Tom's class. Happy reading!
Reflections
By Sarah Enders and Carmella Davies

Every year, the students of the Shoreline School District compete for first place in Reflections, the annual PTSA sponsored art contest. A different theme is selected each year. This year the deadline is November 30. The RNCS students worked on their pieces in the Art Room, with watercolor and acrylic paints. There are also different mediums you can use to express your answer to the question, such as making a video, drawing with charcoal, pen or pencil, photography and more.

The theme begins with an unfinished sentence that the PTSA chooses. The students must finish the sentence, therefore expressing themselves artistically. This year’s theme or sentence is “I wonder why…” RNCS student Joanna Burnham responded with a bittersweet answer “I wonder why…love is so complicated?” Another student, Henry Schlesinger, answered more confidently with “I wonder why…my painting is so beautiful!” The judges evaluate the pieces on the originality of their sentences and the beauty of the piece. This year Amy Palmer is heading up Reflections “This is my 3rd year helping out at RNCS” “I helped with Reflections when my daughters Lauren and Genesee were in the program and now Rosy is in the program so I decided to help this year”. Some of the themes in the past have included “I am really happy when…” and “Wouldn’t it be strange if…”

All of the students in the district have the chance to compete. No matter if you are in Kindergarten or if you are a High School senior. The rules are you are not allowed to enter any two of the same media. This means an individual cannot enter two paintings or two charcoals. They can enter one item in each media. “My most memorable piece was the one that was supposed to be a whale but turned out like a blob,” said seventh-grader Tessa Berkley about her most memorable entry.

Reflections Art Contest is held every year. “I have entered before,” plainly stated Conner Lewis-Smith. All students in the nation compete for first place in their grade level. “I have won a little ribbon,” said Conner, “but that’s for participation.” You pick which media you would like to explore or choose not to participate. This year all art pieces must be entered by November 30. The reason students enter the Reflections Art Contest is because they feel the need to express themselves artistically. “I always paint for Reflections,” said Tessa. Will you choose to enter? I did.

Battle of La Cucarachas

By Rob Lusk-Fauquet

Room Nine Community School had a lockdown as evil mutant cockroaches invaded. The staff and students are trapped inside due to the EPA. They declared quarantine on the school grounds. It is up to the school members to beat back the red hoard.

The invasion began as a science experiment went horribly wrong. Science teacher Sid Carden was instructing an experiment. In mid-sentence, a loud explosion echoed through the room shaking the walls followed by a death defying screeching sound. As the smoke cleared to reveal what was an experiment table, out of the ashes rose a monster of great evil, a giant five-foot tall cockroach resembling Tom Dailey, a senior member of the staff.

It was said the monster’s first target was its own creator, Shawn Ellis. His last words were “save my cheese burger, my dirty socks go to my dog”. The creature then devoured its prey, happily slobbering its remains to the floor. Once the shock wore off, the class made it safely to Donny Ballard’s classroom. Sid then explained the situation to Donny and he took control. “Everyone collect all the scissors and other sharp objects from around the room, this is WAR!”

Donny had to see the situation for himself. He crept quietly towards the door, opened it, and fell backwards in utmost horror. Sid ran to the door and slammed it shut just in time to block the hoard of newborn cockroaches, each one the size of a child. “Donny came back to his senses about an hour later” explained Denali Foglietti, an overy excited seventh grader. “He was like all covered in like cockroach shells and blood was all over his face”.

Unfortunately for Donny and Sid’s class, the hoard formed one big cockroach, picked up a table and rammed down the door. The entire class was turned into a bloodbath. “It was not a pretty sight” said the single survivor of the fight, Denali. “I managed to slip out of the room using a cockroach shell as a disguise”.

More news will become available on this topic next week. For now we can only hope not everyone gets sucked into the slobbery mouths of the red hoard of cockroaches.

Ivy Invasion

By Heather Mulhern

During the last couple of days the city of Shoreline has been invaded by ivy. The people dwelling in Shoreline are terrified. Lots of house owners haven’t been able to get in or out of their houses. All in all it isn’t as bad as some other disasters, but there have been some deaths.

There were at least two people who were strangled by ivy. One was a News Paper Deliverer and was delivering early morning news. The other was a woman who managed to open her house door. Their corpses wrapped in ivy were later found by a horrified mailman.

“I was just doing my mail runs. The first one I found was the news deliverer. He was lying next to the newspaper..."
per box of 16745. He was wrapped tightly head to toe in ivy. One shock was enough for me, but I found the woman on her doorstep when I went to put the mail in the slot for 16896," said Ian Manfred the local mailman who found the corpses.

The buildings in Shoreline are covered in ivy. People have been coming in from outside Shoreline to hack through the ivy. Some people have already been extracted from their homes.

"My house is on the outskirts of Shoreline so there is was less ivy to hack through. I'm so happy to be out of it now, it was so dark." Gale Hubert a house owner in Shoreline said when she was rescued.

"The ivy came up over night. I woke up in the morning and it was dark outside, I thought it was still night. My boss called at 11:00 to ask me why I wasn’t there." Said Carol Marlow a house owner in Shoreline who works in King County.

It’s a good thing that the phone lines are still working so we can make sure everyone is all right. The rescuers know who doesn’t have enough food for a siege and can get them out first. The city can keep people updated on what’s going on outside their homes. It is thought that the ivy growth is caused by increasing amounts of lawn growth fertilizer running off lawns.

"The ivy utilizes the lawn fertilizer that is washed into the ditches. Even diluted fertilizer works better on the ivy than strong fertilizer on the lawn. The effect is the ivy grows three times as big in a tenth of the time it normally does, therefore having similar aspects as kudzu." Braden Gardner one of the botanists looking into the case said.

People are trying as hard as they can to hack out the ivy and restore the buildings and houses. It will probably be a couple of months before the City of Shoreline looks the same again.

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**Sports**

**This Year’s Sonics**

By Zach Gadd

The Seattle Sonics are doing okay this year. They are starting to come back. I think that the Sonics should get some new players and trade some of the old ones. I interviewed some people about how they thought the Sonics were doing this season and here are the interviews.

How do you think the Sonics are doing this year? “They need improvement”, replied Denali. If the Sonics team could pick any player what player should they pick? Denali said “LeBron James”. What do think about the Sonics coach? “He is an ok coach,” Denali thought.

I now went to ask one of the teachers about how they thought the Sonics are doing this year. “They stink,” replied Tom. If the Sonics team could pick any player what player should they pick? “Tim Duncan” said Tom. What do think about the Sonics coach? “I don’t think that he has the stature to be a great coach. I think he really knows basketball but I don’t think he can really motivate the players,” Tom thought.

If readers have comments about the article please come and talk to Zach Gadd.

**History of Hockey in Seattle**

By Billy Cox

Today when most people think of hockey in Seattle they think of Thunderbirds or Silver Tips. However, the roots actually go down much deeper to the late 1800s and a team called the Metropolitans. Their story is a truly remarkable one that is not very well known.

Back then, Seattle was definitely a hockey town when they got a grant from the newly formed NHL to start a team. Seattle quickly adopted a liking of this sport played by 12 men on frozen water hitting a piece of rubber with a stick! This new attraction quickly became popular and when the team made the playoffs the excitement blasted through the roof!

Finally, they got to the main goal, a chance to win the Stanley Cup! No other American team had done it before! Then tragedy struck when two Montreal Canadians players died of the ever-spreading flu. Nevertheless the series was on and miraculously Seattle won! As the home team boys brought home the Stanley Cup for all to see they were treated as though they were kings!

However, that was it for the franchise because the next year the season was canceled due to the flu of 1912. It was horrible to see such a talented and skilled team disappear like the bygone seconds you took to read this article. But it did not take long for hockey here to resume in the Totems and then to the present Thunderbirds and Silver Tips. Today Seattle hockey lives on in all of the players in the Seattle area.

**Dark Side**

by Shawn Ellis

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Do your homework

NEVER!
News From Around the World

AIDS Cure?
By Lizzy Shearer
(London) Andrew Stimson, a 25 year old Scot thought to be the first person cured of the HIV virus, has recently agreed to undergo further tests so scientists can try to find a cure for AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). In May, 2002 he reported to doctors he was feeling “weak and feverish.” He was diagnosed with HIV, a deadly virus that causes AIDS which has killed millions of people. But in October, 2003 he appeared to have shaken off the virus because tests confirmed he was HIV negative. The Chelsea and Westminster Health Care Trust that had originally administered Mr. Stimson’s tests said that he had taken no medicine for the virus and had only taken his daily nutritional supplements. Further tests will be conducted, but for now, the reasons for Stimson’s cure are yet to be confirmed. If they can be found this would offer hope to millions condemned to die of this deadly disease.

From Hollywood
Skinny in Hollywood
by Brittney Hoeffer
(Williams Elementary School, Gainesville, FL)

People in Hollywood are doing what? No, I said Hollywood, and they are skinny! Sadly, kids are following their example and not EATING.

The number of kids with eating disorders has grown from 1996 to 2000 by 22 percent. In 2000 52% of the girls in middle school had eating disorders. In 1986, 30% of the girls in middle school had eating disorders. Also, 33% of the girls in junior high had negative feelings about themselves.

People in Hollywood are setting bad examples, as far as I'm concerned. What do you think about this? Well, it's not only girls with eating disorders, but also boys. Nearly 29% of boys in all grades had eating disorders in 2000. Wow!

Hopefully you don’t feel insecure about yourself because everyone and everything is beautiful in its own way.

Reviews

Bone
By Denali Foglietti
BONE is a very good comic book. The theme is about three cousins (Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone) who get run out of Boneville. They get lost in a desert; they run away from huge rat-like monsters, and they meet a princess. This comic book is aimed at the average comic book reader, age 10-100. With 138 pages, it took me about thirty minutes to read it. I had a really hard time putting it down. I give it an 8 out of a possible 10.

Franz Ferdinand
By Denali Foglietti
Franz Ferdinand's new CD “You could have it so much better” is an interesting addition to their albums. It has their usual post-punk style along with some unusual songs. Franz Ferdinand is a Scottish band that lives in England. They have one other CD--it's their self titled album. If you want a different style of music then listen to this. The new CD is about 41 minutes long. I give it a seven out of 10.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
By Eddie Young
There is a series of movies about Harry Potter, however the latest movie was Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. This movie impressed me and many other people by the special effects. There were so many things going on at once that it was hard to take in the whole movie in one watching.

There were different scenes that were very scary and there were different scenes that were very exciting, like when Harry won the Triwizard tournament. However, if you don’t like scary movies I would prefer not to see this movie because the majority of this movie was scary.

The producer has been working on this movie for about 16 months. It took many people to make this movie, however it was worth it once again, even though we had to change one of our main characters because we lost him last year.
Advice by Ms. Bea

Dear Ms. Bea,

A kid doesn’t brush his teeth. What should I tell him?

Ms. Bea—Tell him nothing. Worry about brushing your own teeth and let his parents worry about his own oral hygiene.

Dear Ms. Bea,

I have stinky feet my family does not like. My family makes me wash my feet 4 times. What should I do?

Ms. Bea—It is always good to be considerate of others. My advice to you is to wash them a fifth time.

Dear Ms. Bea

My parents won’t give me the internet password. They don’t trust me or something.

Ms. Bea—My advice, don’t hold your breath.

Dear Ms. Bea,

What do you do if you don’t have much time and have trouble managing it?

Ms. Bea—You need to prioritize and organize your time. Set aside an hour or so to plan your week ahead. Identify the most important things you have to do for the week and estimate the time needed to complete those tasks, then worry about the “not so important things” and schedule time to complete those tasks. Once your schedule is complete you need to really focus on what you need to do starting with the important things and working your way down the list. Most importantly be sure schedule time for yourself to do the things you want to do. Realize that things may come up and your schedule may need to change so be flexible.

Ms. Bea is Ciara Kondol

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Horoscope by Astrologers Mara Harris and Sarah Enders

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Friends—It’s the holidays!!! In the spirit of giving, get your friends something special!!!
Love—Don’t worry about love so much, you might get behind in school.
Wealth—Spend wisely, remember, quality not quantity!!!
Family—Be respectful, they are the ones who brought you here!!!

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Friends—You’re making a lot of new friends, but don’t forget to keep in touch with your old friends.
Love—You must always love yourself no matter what.
Wealth—Don’t forget to work hard for what you want!!!
Family—Remember: your family will always love you!!!

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Friends—Your friends are great!!! Continue treating them nicely, and you friendship could last a lifetime!!!
Love—Forget about love, there are more important things!!!
Wealth—You might want to consider saving up your money, in case you want to buy something big later!!!
Family—Try spending more time with your family to get to know them!!!

Pisces
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Friends—You need to spend more time with your friends. Invite them over and have a party, it’s almost winter break!!! Love—Love is not your top priority. Focus on getting good grades!!!
Wealth—Don’t slack in chores, you might need your allowance!!!
Family—Try being nicer to your family, you might get along better!!!

Turn the page for surveys. Find out who you are and what you like.

Electives Survey by Mikhail Keyes

I interviewed about 15 Journey students. Everyone likes their electives and their electives teacher, but if they had another choice, the majority would like to take sports as an elective. Cooking was another popular elective.

“Sunflower” by Zach Gadd
The Typical Journey Student
(Is Anyone Typical at Journey?)

By Rob Lusk-Fauquet and Jeremy Ruhland

The results of our classes survey of all 59 Journey sixth, seventh and eighth graders show that the typical student, whether boy or girl, would prefer to eat pizza while at a restaurant or around the house. A student from Journey would probably say they like to listen to Eminem, but there is a wide range of musical favorites. During their spare time, a Journey student is likely to draw. While outside, they most likely would play soccer. Over any animal most of us prefer dogs, although when you add cats and wild cats (like pumas, tigers, etc!) together it is about even. The average Journey student gets to bed around 10:30 p.m. If we could go anywhere for a vacation, most of us would choose to go to Hawaii or Europe.

School Lunch Survey

By Jeremy Ruhland

Three fifths of the students in Tom’s class do not like school lunches. Those that actually like school lunch enjoy pizza the most but about half are still undecided. Surprisingly, the same amounts of students that want to change the price of school lunches also say they do not like school lunches. In Tom’s class the winning new item to put on the menu on a list the students came up with was “real food.” This was not unexpected.

Lamest Homework Excuses

1. Here it is. I wrote it in invisible ink.
2. It was so perfect that I am getting it framed.
3. I was afraid I would lose it so I mailed it to you.

School Daze: Jokes About School

Teacher: what do you get if you multiply 1,645 and 6,342
Student: the wrong answer.
Teacher: What is the easiest way to get a day off of school?
Student: wait till Saturday
Teacher: What word is always spelled wrong
Student: Wrong

What kind of animal are you?

By Carmella Davies

Q1: If there is something a friend says that you don’t agree with, you:
A. Speak up; you don’t want your friend to think you always just agree.
B. Don’t say anything, it’s their problem if they don’t agree with that.
C. Tell them their stupid and get in a big fight.
D. Kindly tell them your opinion.

Q2: In class you get a hard assignment so you:
A. Ask the teacher if they will extend the due date and give a long speech about free will, hey it might work!
B. Stay up till 11:00 finishing the assignment plus your 1 hour of math and science homework
C. Tell the teacher its not fair and just don’t do it.
D. Do a bad job because are over worked and under paid.

Q3: You told your friends you would sit by them at lunch, but some other kids ask you to sit by them so you:
A. Sit with your friends, of course.
B. Sit by yourself, you can’t decide.
C. Sit with them; your friends can wait a day.
D. Just go out to recess you aren’t hungry anyway.

Q4: Your friend lied to you big time but you aren’t supposed to know so you:
A. Don’t do anything and pretend it never happened.
B. Tell your friend you are really mad at them because you know they broke a promise, but you can’t tell how you know/ who told you.
C. Yell at your friend as much as possible, you kind of like being in fights
D. Tell your friend you will forgive them but hope they won’t do it again.

Mostly A’s: You are bold like the orange color of the Sumatran tiger and the Garibaldi, but sometimes it’s good to keep your feelings to yourself. Look inside yourself and there you will find the answer.

Mostly B’s: You can be moody but mostly you are calm, like the Paraphasma Rufipes. You are as graceful and free as the African Cichlid. Your bright colors light up a room.

Mostly C’s: You have a lot of friends but sometimes you just need to chill like the barbarusa mama pig. If you back off more, friends will come to you. You need to think more of others and less of yourself, and then people will start to think of you as a kind pietrain papa pig.

Mostly D’s: You are wise and most often choose the rite choice like the duck billed Platypus. Sometimes you can choose the wrong choice though don’t make that mistake like the Ornitholests.

Only you know who you are, tell some people about yourself.

Nowhere

By Kendra Canfield

Ancient water keeps still like glass
Though the wind is moving swaying grass
I sit and stare as still as stone
I sit in peace, I’m all alone
Not one soul for miles around
What color are you?
By Kendra Canfield

1. Suddenly you find yourself stuck in a room with no way out. What do you do?
   A. Throw yourself against a wall; maybe you can break through.
   B. Look around to find things to make a ladder.
   C. Meditate. Finally! Some peace and quiet!

2. You get an F on your Math test. You:
   A. Plot revenge. You should've gotten an A!
   B. Ask to retake the test.
   C. Live with it; you'll do better next time.

3. You're studying for a big test at the library and a large group of people charges in, shouting over one another. You:
   A. Shout over all of them “SHUT UP! I'm studying!!”
   B. Ask them to please be quiet.
   C. Move to another spot.

4. The person in the line ahead of you takes the last good lunch. You:
   A. Steal their lunch; they can't be as hungry as you.
   B. Boycott school lunches or not having good choices.
   C. Take the bad lunch and take your own lunch for the rest of the year.

5. You're at camp and someone TPs your cabin. You:
   A. TP theirs, but with more toilet paper.
   B. Think of some other way to humiliate them.
   C. Ignore it.

6. Somebody is stealing your stuff out of your locker. You:
   A. Ask everybody in school if they know anything.
   B. Go detective. Hey! It's fun!
   C. Get a new pencil and find your old one! To reward yourself for finding it.

7. Your parental unit(s) decide to move without asking you. You:
   A. Refuse to leave.
   B. Think of a plan to make them want to stay.
   C. Go with it; you'll meet new people.

8. What is your favorite sport to play?
   A. Football, basketball, baseball.
   B. Badminton.
   C. Reading. I don't really like sports.

If you chose mostly “A”的, you’re red or black. You are high-energy and get angry often. If you chose mostly “B”的, you’re orange, yellow or purple. You are creative and mostly optimistic. You are also smart, curious and loyal. If you chose mostly “C”的, you are green, blue or white. You are trustworthy, intelligent, and calm. You are also an optimist, connected with nature and usually innocent.

Results
I did a survey on what colors matched some personalities. Most girls were orange, yellow, or purple (the more creative and intelligent colors), but less than half of the boys surveyed were these colors. Only one girl and one boy were blue, green, or white (representing calmness and peace). There were no girls for red or black but there were 1 ½ guys. My conclusion was that most people were orange, yellow, or purple.

The Monorail Project
By Shawn Ellis

In 1962, Seattle built the country’s first full-scale monorail system for the Seattle “Century 21” World’s Fair. In 1997, monorail supporters launched Initiative 41, which proposed an X-shaped, 40-mile citywide monorail system. The initiative passed with 53 percent voter approval. Citizen activists and volunteers led a signature drive for a second monorail proposal, Initiative 53. The initiative was approved by Seattle voters in November 2000. After two-years of planning work, in November 2002 Seattle voters approved funding for a 14-mile Green Line that would stretch from north to south. In November of 2004, Seattle voters rejected I-83 – the “Monorail Recall Initiative”. Voters have said yes four times to building a monorail system since 1997. Voters then said no once to Proposition One, and that brought the Seattle Monorail Project (SMP) to a close.

Lost and Found
By Nathan Satko and Brianna Lindell

[Picture 1] (Left) This is a blue and black boy's sweater. It's a boy's sweatshirt. (Right) This is a yellow jacket with a blue strip going through the front of the jacket that says Old Navy. It can most likely be for a boy but can be for a girl too.

[Picture 2] (Left) This is a green-grey hooded sweatshirt with Old Navy written in blue. It’s most likely for a boy. (Right) This is velvet sweater. It has a hood. It bluish brown it almost looks black. It's a girl's sweatshirt.

[Picture 3] Red water bottle and gray lunch box with black.


[Picture 5] Blue hat with gray strip and Seattle Mariners and Nike sign.
**Puzzles** by Caleb Schafer and Carmella Davies

**Household Pets**

Unscramble each of the clue words.
Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

**Math Puzzle 2**

Try to fill in the missing numbers.
The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.
The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
The diagonal lines also add up to the totals to the right.

Across
3. a class you have almost every day
6. a type of quiz
7. a class you do within core class (without the “i”)
8. something to cut with
10. when a teacher reads to you
13. a supply you use to stick stuff
14. something you go to monday-friday
15. a girl teacher
16. you write with it
17. the principal
22. a book you take notes in
23. A class with Michael

Down
1. You put your books in it
2. the name of this program
4. something you do at home
5. you write with it but its not a pencil
7. a kid council (without the second “u”)
9. an elective that is monday-thursday
11. A class you chose for yourself
12. someone you can find in the office
18. a book that documents the year
19. You keep your planner in it
20. a class you have first thing
21. one of the guy teachers

Thank You!

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